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Hoffmann Wins Mayoral Bid; Two Incumbents and Two Newcomers Elected to Council

Hoffmann, Britton, Gajewski, Marcuccio, Robbins Make Up City of Rockville's 61st Mayor and Council

Susan Hoffmann, who served three terms on the City Council, was elected mayor on Nov. 6, during the City of Rockville's 61st Mayor and Council election. Hoffmann won her first term by defeating Mark Pierzchala and Drew Powell. Hoffmann received 2,733 votes (47.02 percent). Pierzchala received 1,591 votes (27.37 percent) and Powell received 1,475 votes (25.38 percent).

Eleven candidates competed for the four council positions (all at-large), which, like the mayor's position, carry two-year terms. Not since 1964 has a Rockville election included this many candidates on the ballot. John Britton, with 2,609 votes (12.10 percent),

and Piotr (Peter) Gajewski, with 3,019 votes (14.0 percent), won their first terms on the council. Incumbents Phyllis Marcuccio, with 2,397 (11.12 percent), and Anne Robbins, with 2,426 votes (11.25 percent), were elected to their second and fifth terms respectively.

Unsuccessful in their bids for council were Theo Anderson with 1,333 votes (6.18 percent), incumbent Bob Dorsey with 1,844 votes (8.55 percent), Richard Gottfried with 1,858 votes (8.62 percent), Carl Henn with 2,284 votes (10.59 percent), Brigitta Mullican with 1,870 votes (8.67 percent), Tracy Pakulniewicz-Chidiac with 1,336 votes (6.20 percent) and

Eric Wang with 550 votes (2.55 percent).

The total of 5,887 votes cast represented approximately 19.93 percent of the 29,535 registered voters.

Hoffmann, Britton, Marcuccio and Robbins were sworn in during the official inauguration ceremony held on Nov. 18 at the City's F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Gajewski, unable to attend the inauguration due to a long-standing work related overseas commitment, will be sworn in before the Dec. 3 Mayor and Council meeting.

All official election results are posted on the City's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov. **RR**



The new Mayor and Council celebrated their inauguration on Nov. 18. Pictured (in front) left to right: Mayor Susan R. Hoffmann, Councilmembers John B. Britton, Phyllis Marcuccio and Anne Robbins. Councilmember Piotr Gajewski not shown.

2007 VOTE TOTALS

All 12 districts reporting (Includes absentee ballots) **Winners in Bold**

For Mayor	Votes	Pct.	For Council (4 seats)	Votes	Pct.
Susan Hoffmann	2,733	47.02	Piotr Gajewski	3,019	14
Mark Pierzchala	1,591	27.37	Richard Gottfried	1,858	8.62
Drew Powell	1,475	25.38	Carl Henn	2,284	10.59
Write-in Votes	13	.22	Phyllis Marcuccio	2,397	11.12
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			Tracy Pakulniewicz-Chidiac	1,336	6.20
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			Eric Wang	550	2.55
			Bob Dorsey	1,844	8.55
			Write-in Votes	34	.16

City's 30-Year-Old Zoning Ordinance Is Being Updated; Revisions Underway

Residents Input Actively Sought to Finalize Future Zoning

The City's Zoning Ordinance is undergoing a major update and revision. The Ordinance, which is Chapter 25 of the City Code, was last comprehensively revised in 1975. The past 30 years introduced many new zoning concepts such as performance zoning and "New Urbanism," which has reshaped urban planning. The City's Ordinance needs to be revised to incorporate these concepts as appropriate for the maturing City of Rockville.

The first draft of the Zoning Ordinance Revision was publicly introduced to the Mayor and Council on Oct. 8. The Mayor and Council, the Planning Commission and City staff are actively seeking resident input

What is New Urbanism?

A design philosophy that is based on planning and architectural principles working together to create human-scale, walkable communities. It promotes mixing of uses so that people can walk to their destination, be it work, shopping, entertainment or transit. It also promotes sidewalks that are safe and aesthetically inviting for pedestrians. Ultimately the goal of New Urbanism is to promote communities that are socially and environmentally sustainable.

Rockville seeks to incorporate some of the New Urbanism concepts via the Draft Zoning Ordinance Revision. For example, the Draft proposes the incorporation of residential uses into existing commercial and retail zones. Additionally the Draft proposes safer sidewalk standards that separate pedestrians from traffic, the creation of more publicly accessible open space through requirements in new development, and promotes more appropriately — scaled designs in commercial and mixed-use zones.

on future ordinance revisions.

The last of three public forums, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m., will be held at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre (Social Hall), located at 603 Edmonston Dr. The entire community is invited to attend. A staff member is available to give a presentation on the ordinance during civic association or group meetings. To request a presentation, E-mail jkimball@rockvillemd.gov or contact a neighborhood resources coordinator at 240-314-8340.

For more information and to see the draft in its entirety, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/zoning or visit the Community Planning and Development Services counter at City Hall (111 Maryland Ave., second floor). **RR**

WHAT IS THE ZONING ORDINANCE?

The section of the City Code that controls residential and non-residential development, determining how the City's neighborhoods and commercial areas look and operate.

WHY REVISE THE ZONING ORDINANCE?

1. The City Code was last comprehensively revised in 1975; 206 amendments have been proposed
2. To raise its standards for the built environment
3. To ensure a simple, accessible and transparent development review process is in place

HOW WILL CITIZENS BE IMPACTED?

The proposed revisions do not change residential neighborhoods very much, but they regulate things such as:

- Allowable building heights
- The amount of paved space allowed on a property
- Home-based businesses
- Requirements for open space
- Sidewalk widths
- The process for approval of residential and commercial development

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

Go to www.rockvillemd.gov/zoning

Call 240-314-8220, or

Attend a public forum: Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.,

F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre (Social Hall), 603 Edmonston Dr.

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Rockville has many programs that affect the lives of residents. On a regular basis, "Focus On" will take an introspective look at these programs and detail the impact they have for City residents.

The Neighborhood Resources Division was created in 1998 to support neighborhoods and facilitate communication between residents, civic and homeowner associations and the City government. The Division consists of the Neighborhood Resources Program and the Community Mediation and Human Rights Program. Staff members coordinate between neighborhoods and City departments, implement special programs and activities, administer a mediation program and support the City's

Human Rights Commission.

To support Rockville's neighborhoods, staff:

- Build relationships
- Attend neighborhood meetings
- Respond to questions
- Problem solve
- Organize mediation for individuals experiencing conflict
- Keep City staff informed about neighborhood concerns and opinions
- Keep neighborhoods informed of City activities and projects
- Develop and implement communication plans for City projects

Special projects and activities sponsored by the Division celebrate residents and neighborhoods. They educate, recognize, and include:

- Rockville University
- Neighborhood Matching Grant Program
- Town Hall meetings
- Good Neighbor Award
- Voter Registration Drives
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

The Division works to stay abreast of all changes and issues in the community, and looks for new and better ways to keep residents informed and engaged in City government. Staff also looks for new ways to educate and empower neighborhood leaders.

The Division encourages all Rockville residents to get involved in their civic and homeowner association and to contact the Division with questions at 240-314-8340. **RR**

Lincoln Park Lights Up the Holidays With Friendship and Festivities

Home for the Holidays and Festival of Lights Bring Community Closer

The Neighborhood Resources Division helps neighborhoods celebrate communities and recognizes what is unique and special about each neighborhood. This month, the Lincoln Park community will honor the neighborhood tradition of friendship and family with a *Home for the Holidays* celebration.

Lincoln Park families and friends will gather on Dec. 8 at the Lincoln Park Community Center, located at 357 Frederick Ave. for food, music, games, a

movie and more!

"This is a great community event," said Neighborhood Resources Coordinator Hjarman Cordero. "The *Home for the Holidays* Celebration is what the Lincoln Park community is all about: reaching out to friends and neighbors and celebrating traditions, while welcoming in the holiday season."

But that's not all! Lincoln Park is also hosting the *Festival of Lights* Contest. This is a chance for all Lincoln Park residents to share their holiday

spirit by decking out the walls – of their houses, that is – in wreaths, lights, snowmen and anything else that represents the holiday season. Prizes will be awarded to the three "best dressed" homes.

"These events will truly make this a very special holiday season," Cordero said. "I hope other communities will be encouraged to celebrate their neighborhood uniqueness and character in a special way." **RR**

— by Gabrielle Stranieri

Free Mediation Program Offered

Talk it Out to Work it Out Program Helps Settle Disputes

Since 1995, the City's Human Rights Commission has sponsored the Rockville Mediation Program to give residents a way to address and find resolutions to conflicts without paying expensive court and lawyer fees.

The program brings people together to discuss their issues and seek an agreement that everyone accepts. The mediation program provides assistance in disagreements involving current or former neighbors, employers/employees,

friends, landlords/tenants, residents, homeowners associations, consumers/businesses and more.

Some of the benefits of resolving disputes through the Mediation Program include avoiding going to court and allowing participants to be heard by neutral parties in an informal environment. This service also is free to Rockville residents and to those who have experienced a conflict within the City.

"Our citizens have told us one

of the benefits of participating in this program is that it allows them to be heard without feeling as if they were being judged," said Janet Kelly, the City's Human Rights and Community Mediation Administrator. "We are pleased to offer this service to the community and urge our residents to continue to utilize this program."

Contact Kelly at 240-314-8316 or jkelly@rockvillemd.gov for more information. **RR**



Snow shoveling is one way to be a "good neighbor" this winter.

In Search of Good Neighbors All Year Round

The Neighborhood Resources Program is in need of a few "Good Neighbors." For the past five years, the Rockville Mayor and Council have been honoring citizens for exceptional good deeds. The Neighborhood Resources Program is now looking for those citizens who have not sought recognition for their actions, but clearly deserve special thanks.

The Good Neighbor Award recognizes the ongoing efforts of Rockville residents who extend simple favors and good deeds to their neighbors. For example, during last year's awards ceremony, "Good Neighbors" were recognized for shoveling snow and delivering newspapers for seniors. The award is the City's way of thanking residents for their goodwill efforts on behalf of others in our community.

The Neighborhood Resources Program is accepting nominations through July 2008 for neighbors

who have demonstrated concern for their neighbors or contributed to the quality of life in Rockville between July 2007 and June 2008.

Submit completed nominations to Dwayne Jenkins, Neighborhood Resources Coordinator, at 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Md. 20850. The nomination form and more information is available at www.rockvillemd.gov/government/citymanager/gnaward.htm or by calling 240-314-8343.

The entire Rockville community plays a vital role in making Rockville a great place to live.

Consider lending a helping hand by volunteering with a local non-profit or becoming involved with a local neighborhood association. There also is a need for volunteers who can shovel snow for seniors. Contact the Rockville Senior Center at 240-314-8810 for more information. Be a good neighbor no matter the season. **RR**



CLASS OF 2007... The recent graduates of Rockville University gathered to celebrate their successful completion of the City's free, eight-week citizen awareness program.

This Neighborhood Resources program strives to teach Rockville residents and prepares them to get involved in their local government.

Human Rights Commission Activities

The Rockville Human Rights Commission (HRC) promotes Rockville's diversity, including the contributions made to the City by diverse racial, ethnic and cultural groups. Rockville's residents are invited to participate in two HRC events that recognize diversity.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

On Jan. 21, the Celebration will take place at Rockville High

School located at 2100 Baltimore Rd. This family oriented program will begin at 12 noon. There will be performances, awards, and a featured guest to honor Dr. King. For further details, please call 240-314-8108. This event is free and open to the public.

Taff and MLK, Jr. Awards

The Commission seeks nominations for the F. Michael Taff Award and the Dr. Martin Luther

King, Jr. Award. Honorees will be recognized at the MLK, Jr. Celebration on Jan. 21.

The F. Michael Taff Award honors an individual or organization that contributed to improving the lives of people with disabilities.

The award is open to a business, non-profit, or individual who helps people with disabilities in the City of Rockville.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Award honors a City

of Rockville high school student who has embraced and promoted the dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

To make a nomination, pick up a form at the Human Rights and Community Mediation Office, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Md. 20850 or call Janet Kelly at 240-314-8108 to have a nomination form sent.

Human Rights Essay Contest

The Rockville Human Rights Commission will be sponsor-

ing the Third Annual Human Rights Essay Contest. This contest is for City of Rockville 9th - 12th grade students. The contest will start on February 4.

Students will be instructed where to pick up their essay questions at their schools.

The contest provides the opportunity to reflect and write about diversity and human rights issues locally and globally. Participants and contest winners will be recognized at a Mayor and Council meeting next spring. **RR**

Rockville's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan is Being Updated

Participation in Online Surveys Helps City Set Goals and Objectives

The City of Rockville's Department of Recreation and Parks is updating its Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan. The PROS Plan is a long-range policy document that sets overall goals and objectives for the Department for the next 20 years.

The PROS Plan will help the City determine:

- What demographic groups, communities or geographic areas in Rockville need better service
- What types of parks, recreation and open space facilities are developed
- What programs are offered
- What parks, recreation and open space initiatives the City pursues

Your Input is Needed! Go to www.rockvillemd.gov/pros and take our online surveys. Tell us:

- What is working and what is not
- If your and your family's recreation needs are being met
- What areas of the City need additional parkland or open space
- What new facilities are needed and which ones need redevelopment
- What new recreation programs, activities or events would you like see offered or eliminated?
- Your opinion on how the

Department of Recreation and Parks should be preparing for changing demographic conditions

- What new initiatives we should consider

These surveys will be available online through Dec. 15. In early 2008, telephone interviews will be conducted with a random sample of residents to probe issues that have emerged from the online surveys. These issues also will be discussed during focus groups and stakeholder meetings. For more information on the PROS Plan, contact Steve Mader, Rockville's Superintendent of Parks & Facilities, at 240-314-8702. **RR**



ROCKVILLE'S PIKE... The Rockville community is developing a new plan for the City's main thoroughfare. The planning process will incorporate widespread public input into creating a great place for people to shop, live, work, gather, and move around. The plan is about reexamining the transportation options, the economy, land uses, environmental matters, and the "look" of the Pike. Community members will have numerous opportunities to share ideas for the future.

Rockville's Pike: Envision a Great Place

Rockville Begins Planning Effort for the Pike

Rockville Pike is changing and the City of Rockville is seeking input to help answer a few important questions such as: What will it take to make Rockville Pike move, function, and look better? How can the Pike turn into a place that showcases the qualities and values of the community? How can its success be sustained over time?

The City is launching a planning process known as *Rockville's Pike: Envision a Great Place* to consider these and other important questions about the Pike. In order to begin to answer them, input and insights are requested during a kick-off meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, located at 1775 Rockville Pike, in the Meeting Centre (Salon I & II Rooms). Portions of the meeting will be aired throughout Dec. on TRC 11. (See program schedule on page eight). Help make Rockville Pike a special place in the community – a place to visit, shop, live, work, and congregate.

Rockville's Pike: Envision a Great Place will look at the 1.5-mile stretch of 355 between Twinbrook Pkwy. and Richard Montgomery Dr., including the land on either side of the Pike. The initiative is aligned with the Mayor and Council's 2006-08 Vision Priority of creating an Exceptional Built Environment. It is also concurrent with Montgomery County's planning efforts to improve the 355 corridor from Bethesda to Clarksburg. To address all aspects of planning for the Pike, the City has engaged a team of three nationally recognized consulting firms to coordinate the effort: ACP-Visioning and Planning (www.acp-planning.com), Glattig

Public is Invited to
the Kick-off Meeting:
Dec. 4
7 to 9 p.m.
Ramada Inn
1775 Rockville Pike



The above illustrations are draft concepts of: (left) Veirs Mill Rd. commercial area and Lewis Ave. Illustrations by Wheeler Goodman Masek

Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan Planning Commission Worksessions Scheduled

The Planning Commission has scheduled two worksessions to discuss the Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan – Wednesday, Nov. 28 and Wednesday, Dec. 12. Both worksessions are at 7 p.m. and will be broadcast live on TRC 11 and re-aired throughout the following weeks.

The Draft Plan reflects the community's desire to maintain and enhance the historic residential character of Twinbrook, also while guiding the future of land currently zoned for commercial and industrial uses. Modifications may be made to the Draft Plan by the Planning Commission as part of the Commission's recommendation to the Mayor and Council.

Illustrations of what might

be possible for the commercial and industrial areas have been assembled per the Draft Plan recommendations. These are draft concepts for illustration and discussion.

Copies of the Draft Plan are available free of charge at the Department of Community Planning and Development Services at City Hall (111 Maryland Ave., second floor). The Draft Plan, as well as illustrations, is available at www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan/twinbrook/index.

Typically, no public testimony will be taken during the worksessions, but written comments may be submitted to Steve Johnson, Chair, Rockville Planning Commission, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Md. 20850. **RR**

Plan del Vecindario de Twinbrook

Programa de sesiones de trabajo de la Comisión de Planificación

La Comisión de Planificación ha programado dos sesiones de trabajo para discutir el Plan del Vecindario de Twinbrook, el miércoles 28 de noviembre y el miércoles 12

de diciembre. Ambas sesiones de trabajo se realizarán a las 7 pm., se transmitirán en vivo por TRC 11 y se volverán a transmitir durante las semanas siguientes.

El Borrador de Plan refleja el

deseo de la comunidad de mantener y mejorar el carácter residencial histórico de Twinbrook, así como determinar el futuro de los terrenos actualmente zonificados para usos comerciales e industriales. La Comisión de Planificación puede introducir modificaciones al Proyecto de Plan como parte de las recomendaciones de la Comisión al Alcalde y el Consejo.

De acuerdo con las recomendaciones del Borrador del Proyecto, se han creado ilustraciones de lo que sería posible hacer en las áreas comerciales e industriales. Se trata de conceptos en borrador para ilustración y discusión.

Hay copias gratuitas del Proyecto de Plan disponibles en el Departamento de Servicios de Planificación y Desarrollo de la Comunidad en el Ayuntamiento (111 Maryland Ave., segundo piso). El Borrador del Plan, así como las ilustraciones, están disponibles en: www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan/twinbrook/index.html.

En la mayoría de los casos, no se tomarán testimonios del público durante las sesiones de trabajo, pero se pueden enviar observaciones escritas a Steve Johnson, Presidente de la Comisión de Planificación de Rockville, 111 Avenida de Maryland, Rockville, Md. 20850. **RR**



Rockville's Pike
Envision a Great Place

Jackson Kercher Anglin (www.glatting.com), and Economic Research Associates (www.econres.com).

Extensive public participation is a priority for *Rockville's Pike: Envision a Great Place*. Anyone who lives, works, shops, or travels in Rockville is encouraged to attend the kick-off meeting and share ideas. The event will include a presentation and overview of the project as well as an opportunity to work in small groups, brainstorm, and discuss the critical issues that

should be addressed in the plan for the Pike. Other opportunities for involvement will include a stakeholder workshop scheduled for Feb., a week long design project planned for the summer, and "Reports to the Community" throughout 2008 in which there will be periodic reports on key issues. Participants also will have the opportunity for further input. Visit the project Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville-spike. Contact Mayra Bayonet, Project Manager, at mbayonet@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8214 or David Levy, Chief of Long Range Planning and Redevelopment, at 240-314-8272 or dlevy@rockvillemd.gov for more information.

Share ideas with friends and neighbors at the kick-off meeting on Dec. 4. Take charge – it's your Pike! **RR**



The safety of pedestrians is one of the top priorities of the City, and the Beall Ave. project is one example.

Pedestrian Safety Increases With Completion of Phase I Beall Ave. Project

Phase II and III Scheduled for Fall '08

In response to requests from City residents to enhance pedestrian accessibility along the north side of Beall Ave. and provide a safer traveling route for students walking to Beall Elementary School, the City has completed Phase I of the Beall Avenue Sidewalk Project. Pedestrians can now access sidewalks on Beall Ave. between North Van Buren and Luckett Sts.

"Nothing is more important than the safety of our children, especially when walking to and from school," said Carrie Sanders, Transportation Planner for the City of Rockville. "This is an example of great communication by the public with City staff and of us working together to help improve the safety of our youngest citizens."

Preparations for the construction of Phase I of the

project started back in late March with a comprehensive public engagement process. A "Walk the Block" meeting was held on March 29 to discuss an alignment for Phase I and based on public feedback, the City of Rockville created a preliminary sidewalk design.

A public comment period for the design was held from late June to early July and following helpful community responses, the City implemented a detailed sidewalk design for the construction of Phase I.

Public outreach is underway for Phase II (between Lynch and Mannakee Sts.) and Phase III (between Mannakee and Owens Sts.) of the Beall Ave. walkway. Construction for these phases is scheduled for the fall of 2008. **RR**

—by Scott Rogers

12 Days Of Fitness

New Offering from the Community Wellness Program

Do holiday events wear you out rather than lift you up?

Give yourself the gift of fitness by participating in the 12 Days of Fitness, brought to you by the City of Rockville Community Wellness Program. This program is designed to encourage moderate exercise during the holiday season. Participants pledge to stay within three pounds of their current weight between Thanksgiving Day and New Years Day. Even small amounts of exercise will help increase energy levels, reduce stress and control holiday weight gain.

To participate, exercise at least 12 days between Nov. 22, 2007 and Jan. 1, 2008. Exercise activity can be any length and any type but strive for at least 30 minutes. Keep an exercise log and write

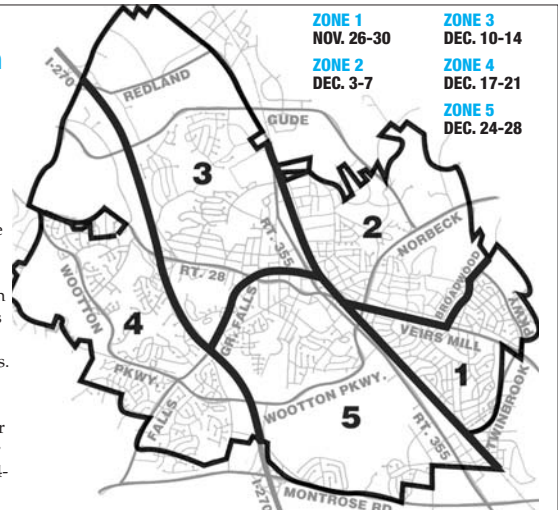
each exercise activity on a piece of paper and mail or drop it off at Rockville City Hall, Attention: 12 Days of Fitness/Rockville Wellness Program, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Md. 20850. The following facilities also will be accepting exercise logs: Croydon Creek Nature Center, Lincoln Park Community Center, RedGate Golf Course, Rockville Senior Center, Rockville Swim Center and Twinbrook Community Center.

Participants will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a FREE subscription to a health magazine and receive 10 "Rockin' Rewards" points which can be applied toward free classes or camps. For more information visit www.rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

December Leaf Collection Schedule

The City will continue to collect leaves through the month of December. This is the final phase of the fall leaf collection.

Residents are asked to rake leaves to the curb or gutter and can rake leaves anytime just before or during collection week. Remove all limbs, rocks and other heavy objects. Do not place leaves in plastic bags. The City recycling program will collect the leaves and grass in biodegradable bags or easily emptied containers. For specific questions, call 240-314-8568. **RR**



These pedestrian improvements, soon to be completed, will allow Richard Montgomery High School students and others safer walking routes along Fleet St. This project is one of many in the pipeline to increase pedestrian safety in the City of Rockville.

RMHS to Have Safer Walking Routes

City Scheduled to Complete Pedestrian Improvements Along Fleet Street This Month

In accordance with the City's goal of improving pedestrian safety and providing students safe walking routes to Richard Montgomery High School, the City of Rockville Traffic and Transportation Division is upgrading pedestrian walkways along Fleet St., between Monroe St. and Jefferson Plaza.

On-street parking spaces on the north and south sides of Fleet St. will be removed to accommodate pedestrians and improve visibility.

Construction for the Pedestrian Safety Project began in late Oct. and the target date for completion is late Dec.

The bulk of the upgrades will take shape in three locations along Fleet St. The first will take place along the intersection of Fleet St. and Park Ave. The second phase of implementations will take place along the intersection of Fleet St. and Jefferson Plaza. The third upgrade will

take place along Fleet St. between Richard Montgomery Dr. and Park Ave. For a detailed list of the pedestrian improvements, see below:

A. Intersection of Fleet Street and Park Avenue

1. Installation of 10-foot curb extension on the north side of Fleet St. and refuge median in the middle of the road.
2. Implementation of sidewalk on the north side of Fleet St., between Park Ave. and Monroe St.
3. Elimination of parking spaces on north and south sides of Fleet St., east and west of the sidewalk.
4. Installation of fluorescent school crossing signs at the crosswalk and fluorescent advance signs.
5. Installation of pavement marking "PED X-ING."
6. Tree trimming.
7. Application of rumble strips at both sides of crosswalk.

8. Addition of sidewalk width on north side of Fleet St. between Park Ave. and Jefferson Plaza and elimination of parking on the side of the road.

B. Intersection of Fleet St. and Jefferson Plaza

1. Implementation of stop sign, crosswalk and appropriate signs, pending Mayor and Council approval.

C. Fleet Street Between Richard Montgomery Dr. and Park Ave.

Speed limit signs at both ends of Fleet St. between Richard Montgomery Dr. and Park Ave.

1. "School Zone" and "Fines Double" signs at both ends of street section.
2. Speed camera (to be implemented in summer 2008).
3. Streetlights along school property between Richard Montgomery Dr. and beyond Park Ave. **RR**

—by Scott Rogers

INSIDE MAYOR & COUNCIL

A Glimpse into the
City Government at Work

Same Question, Five Answers From Rockville's 61st Mayor and Council

To better get to know the new Mayor and Council, Rockville Reports asked Mayor Susan Hoffmann and Council Members John Britton, Piotr Gajewski, Phyllis Marcuccio and Anne Robbins the following question:

"What is the one thing you are most looking forward to while serving on the Mayor and Council?"

"I am most excited about having the Rockville Citizens Mayoral Transition Advisory Group named, and having them go to work on behalf of the citizens of the City. In addition, it is critical that we resolve the relocation of the District Court to a more desirable site. This is an important and exciting time in Rockville and I have already hit the ground running."

— Susan R. Hoffmann,
Mayor

"I think we on the Council are uniquely positioned to reach out to our diverse communities and connect them to local government. I look forward to having fun in this role, defining fun as meeting more people throughout our City, learning more about our neighborhoods, and joining with different groups to enhance our City."

— John B. Britton,
Councilmember

"The one thing that I am most looking forward to while serving on the Council is getting to know my colleagues, so together we can serve Rockville's citizens most effectively."

I expect the revision of the Zoning Ordinance to occupy our attention; I look forward to the process and the passing of an ordinance that is balanced and fair, and that addresses the shortcomings of our current ordinance."

— Piotr Gajewski,
Councilmember

"As a member honored to serve a second term on Council, I look forward to introducing initiatives and considering critical issues with the intelligence, honesty, and compassion all citizens in the City of Rockville deserve."

— Phyllis Marcuccio,
Councilmember

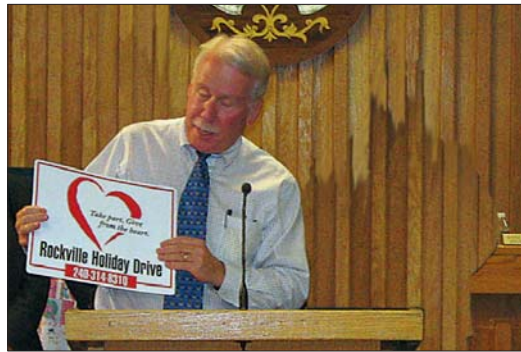
"I look forward to a Mayor and Council that blends the experience and accomplishments of the three members who were re-elected with the fresh ideas and new insights of the two newly elected members. I believe the dynamics of Rockville's newly elected Mayor and Council will work to the benefit of the City."

— Anne Robbins,
Councilmember

The first meeting of the 61st Mayor and Council will be held on Dec. 3 at Rockville City Hall at 7 p.m. **RR**



GIAMMO FAREWELL: City Manager Scott Ullery said goodbye to three-term Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo on Oct. 29 during Giammo's farewell reception. Giammo did not seek re-election.



Director of Recreation and Parks Burt Hall, at this year's Holiday Drive kick-off, unveiled a magnetic sign that will be placed on City Vehicles. The Holiday Drive helps to provide needy Rockville families with food and gift cards this holiday season.

Mayor and Council Kick-Off Holiday Drive Take Part, Give From the Heart!

This year's Holiday Drive – Take Park, Give from the Heart – is off to a great start. For more than 30 years, the Mayor and Council have fully supported this drive, which helps distribute food baskets and gift cards to needy Rockville families and seniors.

A new initiative this year is the use of magnetic signs which are placed on City vehicles, publicizing this worthy endeavor. "The Holiday Drive is one of our premier events," said Burt Hall, Director of Recreation and Parks. "It represents the commitment of citizens and staff to improve the quality of life of fellow citizens who are less fortunate."

"The program provides the opportunity to take the words 'helping our fellow man' and turn them into action." Last November, the Holiday Drive and its partners provided Thanksgiving food baskets and dinners to 622 Rockville households and distributed new toys and gift cards to 537 households in December. Manna Food Center, North Farm Community Basket Brigade, St. Elizabeth's Church and Rockville Church of Christ served as partners for the distribution of Thanksgiving baskets. Several Rockville schools, including Robert Frost Middle School, Christ Episcopal School, Fallsmead Elementary School and St. Mary's School, conducted major food and toy drives. Robert Frost Middle School also donated the proceeds of their annual Turkey Trot totaling \$1,411.

More than 200 community volunteers assisted by packing and distributing Thanksgiving food boxes and toys. In addition, the Family Sponsorship Program matched 45 Rockville families with sponsors who provided tailored food and gifts. These sponsors included Faith United Methodist Church and employ-

ees of Shady Grove Adventist Hospital.

"The continuing toy recalls are forcing us to revise our plans this year," said Mary Lou Jacobs, Community Services Manager. "Instead of organizing a toy distribution, we hope to raise enough in monetary donations to provide each child under 18 who is referred to us with a \$15 gift card in December. This is a major change in the way we have involved the community, but we hope donors will appreciate the need to make this change and support us to the greatest extent they can."

There are many different ways that individuals, businesses, civic associations and members of the faith community can contribute to the Holiday Drive this year. Some options to consider:

- Donate canned food for a Thanksgiving dinner
- Donate money in the form of a check made payable to the Rockville Holiday Drive Fund and send to 20 Courthouse Square, Suite #205, Rockville, Md 20850
- Donate \$15 gift cards from clothing, discount and grocery stores and send to 20 Courthouse Square, Suite #205, Rockville, Md 20850
- Donate your time: volunteers will be needed to help pack and deliver food baskets in November
- Donate online through Rock Enroll – a donation of \$200 will provide food and gifts for a family of four (#23489). A donation of \$25 will sponsor a child or senior (#23490). Donate through Rock Enroll and earn triple Rockin' Reward points. Donation also is tax deductible

For more information or to offer help, call 240-314-8310. **RR**



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Anne Robbins

Mayor & Council Drop In

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month. Call the City Clerk's Office (240-314-8280) as drop-in times are subject to change.

In addition to Mayor Hoffmann, the Councilmember scheduled for December is:

- **Dec. 10 (Mon.):** Piotr Gajewski

Mayor & Council Meetings

All General Sessions, Worksessions and Public Hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel (TRC 11), and are available on streaming video at: www.rockvillemd.gov. Citizens may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Citizens Forum" portion at most general session meetings. All meetings are subject to change.

- **Dec. 3 (Mon.):** Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.
- **Dec. 10 (Mon.):** Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.
- **Dec. 17 (Mon.):** Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.

Watch Mayor and Council
meetings live on



Boards & Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for appointment to the following:

- Board of Appeals (one)
- Compensation Commission (one)
- Cultural Arts Commission (one)
- Historic District Commission (one)
- Human Rights Commission (three)
- Personnel Appeals Board (one)
- Rec & Park Board (two)
- Retirement Board (two)
- Rockville Sister City (one)

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280 or visit rockvillemd.gov.

OUT & ABOUT IN ROCKVILLE

Highlighting City Events and Programs

Holiday Shop at Senior Center Bazaar Offers Food, Crafts, Plants and Jewelry Items on Dec. 1

The weather outside may soon be frightful, but that should not keep Rockville shoppers from enjoying the many treasures that will be available at this year's 24th annual Rockville Senior Center Holiday Bazaar.

On Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., holiday shoppers can stop by 1150 Carnation Dr. to enjoy a wide variety of low-cost gift items ranging from computers to cupcakes.

There is no admission fee and all proceeds go to benefit Rockville Seniors, Inc. (RSI), a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the Rockville Senior Center.

"The money we raise goes directly back to the center, which benefits all of our members and users," said George Galasso, president of RSI.

A traditional part of the holiday bazaar is the annual raffle; prizes this year include a \$500 cash grand prize, a \$250 second prize, a handmade quilt from the Senior Center's Quilting



Jewelry is one of many items on sale at this year's Senior Center Holiday Bazaar — abundant ideas for your holiday shopping list.

Group "The Piecemakers," and gift certificates from local businesses. Tickets for the raffle are \$1 each or six for \$5.

The merchandising area, featuring sales of homemade food, jewelry, arts and crafts, books, and various other gift items, is perfect for the shopping connoisseur or just the average shopper.

"So many people have

events where they need to bring gifts this holiday season," said Jill Hall, supervisor of the Senior Center. "Our Holiday Bazaar has vendors of all types selling handmade gifts that are perfect for these events."

For more information, contact the Rockville Senior Center at 240-314-8800 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter. **RR**

— by Scott Rogers

Take in a Holiday Concert at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre this Season

Rockville Chorus Annual Holiday Concert Features Wide Selection of Music

The Rockville Chorus is in sync with the holiday spirit and will be performing their annual Holiday Concert this month. Do not miss the chance to enjoy the merriest songs of the season performed by Rockville's renowned singing group.

The concert will be performed at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will include pieces from George Handel's *Messiah*, *Gloria* by Antonio Vivaldi, and *Ave Maria* as composed by Villa-Lobos. Traditional seasonal pieces also will be performed. "It will be a concert that will take the audience through the ages," said Bryan Seith, the Rockville Chorus Director. "We'll move through the Renaissance and into the contemporary."

The Rockville Chorus is composed of 80 members, and has been delighting local audiences of all ages for more than 30 years. "The Chorus is an outstanding group," said Jean Provost, president of the Rockville Chorus. "It is not only an outlet for those adults who

want to sing, learn about music and participate in the arts, but also an opportunity for the community to hear the best composers of choral music."

Come out and enjoy the sound of the chorus's multi-harmony voices, and get into the holiday spirit! The F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre is located in Rockville Civic Center Park at 603 Edmonston Drive. For more information, call 240-314-8690. **RR**

Rockville Concert Band Takes the Stage as Musicians Present Annual Holiday Concert

Trumpets blaring, saxophones singing and flutes chirping — it's the annual Holiday Concert, performed by the Rockville Concert Band! Come help these local musicians welcome in the holidays and welcome home former Rockville Concert Band director Dr. Robert Tennyson from Austria, who will conduct a portion of the show.

This year's concert will be performed on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. in the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. The concert is free, and no tickets are required. The concert also is a welcome home celebration for former Rockville Concert Band director Dr. Robert

Tennyson, who will feature Vienne New Year's music that he conducted while in Austria. The rest of the concert will focus on traditional holiday favorites, and the audience is invited to sing along.

The Band's Holiday Concert has been a staple performance in Rockville's holiday celebrations for the past five decades. The band is a unique and eclectic mix of 75 volunteer performers, ranging in ages from 28 to 85, and is comprised of doctors, mapmakers, accountants, computer technicians and others, who have rehearsed every Tuesday night for the past 45 years without fail.

"We appreciate all our audience support throughout the year," said Vince Patterson, the director of the Rockville Concert Band since 1995. "The holiday concert is not only fun for the audience, it is fun for the band. Our holiday concert truly is a time where we can thank our audience."

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre is located in Rockville Civic Center Park at 603 Edmonston Drive. For directions to the theatre, call the direction line at 240-314-5004. Information also is available at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. **RR**

— by Gabrielle Stranieri

Rockville Senior Center

25th Anniversary Cookbook



Makes a great holiday gift! Guaranteed to please cooks of any age, this wonderful 400 recipe cookbook includes the treasured dishes of Senior Center members and staff. Cookbooks are available at the Senior Center's Information Desk or by calling the Senior Center for an order form. Rockville Seniors, Inc., Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville MD 20850. 240-314-8800. Cookbooks are \$10.00 each or 2 or more books for \$9.00 each. Proceeds from this fundraising cookbook will be used to support the programs at the Senior Center.

Now

is your chance to help shape the future of Rockville's

Pike

The Rockville community is developing a new plan for the city's main thoroughfare. The initiative is called *Rockville's Pike: Envision a Great Place*. The Plan will look at the 1.5-mile stretch of Rockville Pike between Twinbrook Parkway and Richard Montgomery Drive, including the land on either side of Rockville Pike.

Join us for the Kick-Off Meeting on

December 4, 2007

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Ramada Inn Rockville and Meeting Centre
(1775 Rockville Pike),
Salon I and II/Meeting Room

The kick-off meeting is open to everyone — if you live, work, shop, or travel in Rockville, this is your opportunity to hear about the planning process and to share your ideas for the future of Rockville's Pike.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike for more information.

Rockville's Pike
Envision a Great Place

In Brief

Potomac Valley Youth Orchestra Concerts

The Potomac Valley Youth Orchestra is off on the right note! Two concerts will be held on Dec. 15 at 5 and 7 p.m., and will feature among many, the Flute and Clarinet Choirs, Concert and Philharmonic Orchestras. Tickets are \$12.50 for adults and \$5 for children ages five through 18. Discounts are available for anyone wishing to attend both performances.

For more information, visit the Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov.
CALL 240-314-8691 FOR INFO

Parent's Night Out

Friday night, Dec. 21 is Parent's Night Out! Parent's with a Twinbrook Community Recreation Center membership can enjoy Parent's Night Out, from 6 to 9 p.m. Drop off children ages five to 10 for supervised activities at the Community Center, and enjoy a few hours for holiday shopping or a quiet dinner. The fee is \$6 for City residents and \$8 for nonresidents.

The Community Center is located at 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., Rockville, Md.

CALL 240-314-8830 FOR INFO

5th-8th Graders: Second Friday Event is Just for You!

Love to dance and sing? On Dec. 14, the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center is hosting a DJ, dancing and a karaoke contest for anyone in grade 5 through grade 8 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Drinks and pizza will be sold and participants must pre-register.

For more information, call the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center at 240-314-8830 or the Teen Programs Office at 240-314-8634.

CALL 240-314-8830 FOR INFO

24-Hour Water and Sewer Utilities Hotline: 240-314-8567

If there is a problem with a resident's water or sewer, the first call should always be made to the City of Rockville Utilities Division at 240-314-8567. This emergency hotline is available 24-hours per day. A City of Rockville staff member will advise whether it is a City issue or if a plumber should be contacted.

The City answers emergency water and sewer calls 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

CALL 240-314-8567 FOR INFO

Dog Licensing

Be advised that it is mandatory for all dogs that reside in the Rockville City limits to be licensed through the Rockville City Police Department. To download the pet registration form, go to www.rockvillemd.gov and type in "Dog Licensing" under the search field. To request a pet registration form by mail, call 240-314-8937.

CALL 240-314-8937 FOR INFO

Dec. '07-Nov. '08 Holidays that Affect Refuse and Recycling

The City of Rockville strives to provide the highest quality services to residents throughout the year. However, there are six holidays per year that the City does not provide refuse and recycling pick-up. These holidays are:

- Christmas Day
- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day

If collection falls on one of these holidays, hold refuse and/or recycling until the next collection day. If on regularly scheduled pick-up days items are not collected, call 240-314-8568.

CALL 240-314-8568 FOR INFO

Tips to Help Prevent Electrical Overload

With the holiday season fast approaching, residents should be aware that the added electrical needs of indoor/outdoor lights and other holiday decorations can overload electrical circuits.

Many of the homes in Rockville still have the original "fuse box" which is not designed to handle the needs of today's modern conveniences. If experiencing a tripped circuit breaker or a blown fuse, consider turning off unnecessary appliances and equipment. Do not use larger fuses to handle the increased electrical load; this may lead to overheated wiring which could increase the risk of a fire.

CALL 240-314-8334 FOR INFO

Choose Your Fun! New Web Portal Now Available

The City of Rockville's Department of Recreation and Parks understands that quality of life is vital. The numerous parks, facilities and hundreds of recreational programs directly contribute to the health and well-being of the entire Rockville community. Visit the new Web site portal of this award-winning, dynamic department at www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation.

Take advantage of the programs the department offers, the wonderful facilities located throughout the City and the parks and open space. An exceptional leisure experience awaits!

CALL 240-314-8620 FOR INFO

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery

The Rockville Art League Juried Members Exhibit will be on view at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery from Dec. 2-31.

The opening reception will be held Dec. 2 from 1-4 p.m. and will feature the music of The Rockville Singers at 2 p.m.

CALL 240-314-8682 FOR INFO



CITY IN CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS FOR ALTERNATE SITE OF NEW DISTRICT COURTHOUSE BUILDING... The City of Rockville continues its efforts to complete a land swap that would relocate the proposed new District Court building from the old County library site at the corner of Maryland Avenue and Jefferson Street, to the former Giant Foods site, which is located on North Washington Street north of Town Square. In recent correspondence to State Senator Jennie Forehand, Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley has indicated through the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Budget & Management, that although he is in favor of building the new courthouse on the library site, he will support an alternate site if the City and the local delegation can reach a consensus agreement.

The City proposes that the courthouse be placed on the old Giant Foods site because it is a superior site in terms of parcel size, traffic impacts, pedestrian safety, parking, and general compatibility with the surrounding neighborhoods. The City already has received confirmation from the owners that they are willing to sell the property to the City. The City would purchase the site and offer the majority of it (and returning portion for rights-of-way and open space) in a cash-neutral swap with the state for the library site.

City officials will continue to pursue the land swap and seek agreement for the alternate site from our state legislators, State Senator Forehand and Delegates Kumar Barve, Luiz Simmons, and Jim Gilchrist. We will keep residents informed of any new developments on the project.

Richard Montgomery High School Stroll Down Memory Lane

On Dec. 7 from 6 to 10 p.m. take a last look at the old school and help the new. Tours of the old building, media presentation of the school, a silent auction, a sock hop and more are offered.

Ticket prices vary. Contact Margaret Chao at 301-670-0381 ext. 329 for more information.

CALL 301-670-0381 FOR INFO

Neighborhood Toolkits are Coming!

In an effort to better equip neighborhood associations and their leaders, the Neighborhood Resources

Program is developing toolkits full of useful information. The toolkits include basic information about City departments and services. Recognizing how confusing terminology and acronyms can be, the kit also includes a handy acronym definition list.

They also include non-City resources that associations may find helpful. It's all packaged in plastic hanging file boxes that are easy to store. One toolkit is being produced for each neighborhood and will be distributed soon.

CALL 240-314-8340 FOR INFO

— compiled by Scott Rogers and Gabrielle Stranieri

CITY

1 Holiday Bazaar Shop for affordably priced handmade crafts, thrift and gift items, plants, computers, books and baked goods. All proceeds, including from a raffle, benefit the Rockville Senior Center. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr. 240-314-8800. FREE.

16 Children's Holiday Open House Features special visits from Mr. and Mrs. Clause, Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. 1-4 p.m. Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Dr. FREE.

ARTS

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre are located in Rockville's Civic Center Park. Arts Hotline: 240-314-5006. Tickets may be purchased online at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. Service charges apply.

2,9,16 Holiday Open House Make your spirits bright — come and enjoy the beauty of Glenview Mansion with its 1926 grandeur embellished with the sights and

December calendar of events

RES. = Residents • NR. = Non Residents • MEM. = Member • NM. = Non Member

sounds of the 2007 holiday season. Many trees and displays throughout the Mansion reflect this year's theme, "Making Spirits Bright." Join us on the first three Sundays for music and merriment! 1-4 p.m. FREE.

NATURE

All programs are at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.

1 Natural Holiday Ornaments

From spicy cinnamon to soothing lavender, discover how to use a variety of herbs and spices to make fragrant holiday ornaments. Participants will make four natural ornaments. Register by 11/23. If under age 6, please bring an adult to help you. 2-3 p.m. All Ages. \$12 RES/\$14 NR.

12 Junior Naturalists Club — Ornithology Learn to identify common

area birds by sight and sound and understand bird behavior, eating habits, and adaptations through field studies. Register by 11/30. 4-5:30 p.m. Ages 11-14. \$14 RES/\$17 NR.

13 Tiny Tot Talk — Feathered Friends Visit the birds that haven't moved south for the winter. Learn more about our fine, feathered friends and make a special project to take home. Participants will spend time outdoors so dress for the weather. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 2-3 ½. \$6 RES/\$7 NR.

13 Tyke Hike — Feathered Friends 1-2 p.m. Ages 3 ½-6. \$6 RES/\$7 NR.

SENIORS

All programs are at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. Phone: 240-314-8800.

4 Balancing Sorrow and Celebration 10 a.m.-12 p.m. FREE.

4 Keyboard and Mouse (beg) 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$3 NR.

4 Jewelry Club 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$10 MEM/\$12 RES/\$15 NR. Register by Nov. 27.

5 Birthday and Anniversary Party 1:30-3 p.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$2 NR. Register by Nov. 28.

5 Clarify Computer Concepts 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR.

10 Maintaining Your Computer 10 a.m.-12 p.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$5 NR.

11,13 Word Processing (beg) 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR.

12 Help and More 1-3 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR.

13 Searching Health Web sites 1-2 p.m. FREE.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise noted.

1 Board of Appeals 9:30 a.m.

5 Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee 7:15 p.m.

5,19 Planning Commission 7 p.m.

11 Environment Commission 7:30 p.m.

12 Rockville Sister City Corporation 7:30 p.m.

18 Rockville Seniors Inc 1 p.m. 1150 Carnation Dr.

18 Rockville Housing Enterprises 6:30 p.m. 621-A Southlawn Ln.

20 Historic District Commission 7:30 p.m.

Attention: Historic Property Owners Rockville Rehab Tax Credit Workshop Offered

January 12 • City Hall, Mayor and Council Chambers • 9 a.m.

Rockville's historic property owners provide the City with a distinct character and a connection to the past. The City of Rockville wants to help historic property owners receive available financial incentives for maintaining and rehabilitating historic homes.

Join Historic Preservation staff for a tax credit workshop specifically for historic property owners.

Who: Owners of designated historic properties or properties potentially eligible for historic designation.

What: 10 percent county property tax credit for exterior maintenance and rehabilitation work.

Twenty percent state income tax credit for work more

than \$5,000. **To qualify for the credit, work must be approved before it is started.**

Twenty percent federal income tax credit for income-producing properties (not primary residences) for substantial rehabilitation work, meaning that the cost of rehabilitation must exceed the pre-rehabilitation cost of the building. Generally, this test must be met within two years or within five years for a project completed in multiple phases.

When: Jan. 12, 2008, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Where: Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall (111 Maryland Ave.)

Why: To assist designated historic property owners with tax credit applications and

to educate owners on financial incentives for historic preservation.

This past year, ten historic property owners received the 10 percent credit for more than \$82,000 worth of rehabilitation and maintenance work. From 2000 to 2006, Rockville historic property owners received more than \$215,000 in state tax credits alone, representing more than \$1 million in rehabilitation work. The county application must be submitted to the City of Rockville historic preservation staff by April 1; the state applications are accepted throughout the year.

The workshop will begin with a brief overview of the tax credit programs. Staff members will then meet individually

with property owners and help fill out forms and organize the documentation needed to apply for these incentives. Property owners are encouraged to bring project ideas, estimates, brochures and work descriptions, along with any "before" photographs of the property. Staff will help summarize the history, describe the work, and organize the documentation needed.

Call 240-314-8230 or E-mail history@rockvillemd.gov to schedule an appointment on January 12. Drop-ins will be allowed as the schedule permits. If interested in applying for the tax credits but can not make the meeting, call the above number to make an appointment with a staff member. **RR**

Volunteer Time: Mentoring



Volunteering is one way of giving back to the community, and the City of Rockville has countless opportunities. One such rewarding opportunity is through the City of Rockville's Mentoring Program. The City's Division of Community Services manages the program, and this year, is looking for more volunteers to ensure that every child receives the supportive encouragement he or she needs.

The mentoring program gives adults and high school students a chance to work one-on-one with elementary school students and help them develop their academic and social skills. Mentors are matched with students who share general interests and similarities.

"Not only do the children benefit from the extra support, but many of the mentors say they learn just as much, if not more, from their mentees," said Cynthia Bangali, Community Services Program Coordinator. "Many mentors are often surprised by how much they learn and grow as they develop a close relationship with their mentee."

"Watching them mature as they begin to put the pieces together and become more independent is what it is all about," said Sarah Gicale, Program Analyst for the City. Gicale has been a mentor to the same child for a number of years and agreed that mentoring is a great way to support a youth and give back to the community.

Mentors meet with their mentees during the school year and no mentoring is held during holidays and school breaks. Participating schools are Beall Elementary, College Gardens Elementary and Ritchie Park Elementary. All volunteers are screened and receive training. For more information, or to volunteer for the program, contact Cynthia Bangali, Program Coordinator, at 240-314-8317 or cbangali@rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

Rockville Cemetery Steeped in History Heritage Montgomery Grant and Montgomery County Historic Preservation Grant Provide Monies to Develop Cemetery Brochure

Travelers of Baltimore Rd. most likely have noticed the Rockville Cemetery but may not perhaps know of its heritage and deep history with the City of Rockville and Montgomery County. Many historic and picturesque cemeteries around the country tell a community's history through stories of those laid to rest on the grounds, early sculpture, historic landscapes and vintage plants. The Rockville Cemetery is no different.

Founded in 1738, this cemetery is still in use and many individuals significant to Montgomery County history have been laid to rest there. Upton Beall (1770 – 1872) was the second clerk of the Court of Montgomery County and a major landowner. Upton built the Beall-Dawson House, which now houses the Montgomery County Historical Society. Emily England



The historic Rockville Cemetery in autumn.

Greenly (1872-1943) carried the Maryland flag in the 1913 suffragist march, and Henry Hilleary (d. 1792) was a Revolutionary War veteran. Prominent judge and politician, Richard Johns Bowie and his wife Catherine owned the surrounding Glenview Farm in the 19th century and donated land for the cemetery's expansion.

To create greater awareness and appreciation of the Rockville Cemetery, as well as highlight and promote the historic Glenview Mansion and grounds

and recreational facilities such as the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and the Croydon Creek Nature Center, the City will develop a brochure in cooperation with the Rockville Cemetery Association for the public to better appreciate this historic landscape.

Funded by grants awarded to the City by Heritage Montgomery and Montgomery County Planning Department, this brochure will highlight the history, design and recent restoration completed by the Rockville Cemetery Association

and Mosko Cemetery and Monument Services. The brochure will teach visitors about different periods of cemetery development and historic cultural and social influences reflected in the monument sculptures and tablet inscriptions. In addition, the brochure will direct visitors to other county historic sites associated with some of those buried in the cemetery. History buffs should like that the brochure also will function as a poster.

The City promotes and encourages heritage tourism; this brochure project is referenced in the City of Rockville's Comprehensive Plan, which recommends "a written interpretation of cemeteries to relate their history."

For more information please contact Lead Preservation Planner, Jeff Winstel at 240-314-8232. **RR**

TRC 11		THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL DECEMBER PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE						✂️ - - CLIP & SAVE - -	
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
12 Midnight until meeting ends	Planning Commission ▾	Historic District Commission ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Historic District Commission ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Planning Commission ▾		
6 a.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report		
6:30 a.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline		
7 a.m.	St. Seminar: Aging in Place	St. Seminar: Aging in Place	St. Seminar: Aging in Place	St. Seminar: Aging in Place	St. Seminar: Aging in Place	St. Seminar: Aging in Place	M&C Inauguration		
8 a.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report		
8:30 a.m.	Historic District Commission ▾	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Mayor & Council ▾		
9 a.m.	▾	M&C Inauguration ▾	Nutcracker ▾	Cityline: Zoning Rewrite	Nutcracker ▾	M&C Inauguration ▾	▾		
9:30 a.m.	▾	▾	▾	M&C Inauguration ▾	▾	▾	▾		
10 a.m.	▾	Rockville's Pike Meeting	▾	▾	▾	Cityline: Zoning Rewrite	▾		
10:30 a.m.	▾	St. Seminar: Aging in Place ▾	Cityline: Zoning Rewrite	St. Seminar: Aging in Place ▾	M&C Inauguration ▾	50th Anniv. Gala Concert ▾	▾		
11 a.m.	▾	M&C Inauguration ▾	▾	▾	▾	▾	Rockville's Pike Meeting		
11:30 a.m.	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Cityline: Zoning Rewrite	▾	Rockville's Pike Meeting	City Manager's Budget Preview	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Cityline: Zoning Rewrite		
12 noon	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report		
12:30 p.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline		
1 p.m. until meeting ends	Mayor & Council ▾	Planning Commission ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Historic District Commission ▾	Planning Commission ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Planning Commission ▾		
4 p.m.	St. Seminar: Aging in Place	▾	St. Seminar: Aging in Place	St. Seminar: Aging in Place	▾	St. Seminar: Aging in Place	▾		
5 p.m.	50th Anniv. Gala Concert ▾	Rockville's Pike Meeting	50th Anniv. Gala Concert	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Rockville's Pike Meeting	50th Anniv. Gala Concert ▾		
5:30 p.m.	▾	City Manager's Budget Preview	▾	City Manager's Budget Preview	Cityline: Zoning Rewrite	City Manager's Budget Preview	▾		
6 p.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report		
6:30 p.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline		
7 p.m.	Planning Commission ▾	Mayor & Council ▾	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Planning Commission ▾	50th Anniv. Gala Concert	Mayor & Council ▾	M&C Inauguration ▾		
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8 p.m.	▾	▾	City Manager's Budget Preview	▾	CM's Budget Preview	▾	Nutcracker ▾		
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9:30 p.m.	▾	▾	Rockville's Pike Meeting	▾	Cityline: Zoning Rewrite	▾	City Manager's Budget Preview		
10 p.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report		
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